To whom it may concern:

I am in full support of preserving and securing abortion rights in our state. As a woman, I've watched in horror for pretty much my whole life as Roe v Wade is threatened again and again.

By securing abortion rights, you secure safety and equality and options for your constituents. In a culture where women's bodies and autonomy are continuously disrespected, taking a preemptive stance shows us that you, our government, see us as humans with authority to make decisions on our own well being, not just glorified incubators.

Knowing that, worse come to worst, we access to safe and legal abortion means that we are not going to be trapped in bad situations, unhealthy relationships or dire financial problems.

Please show the women of Vermont that their bodies are their own today. It's especially important as Kavanaugh, Trump and the religious right are continuously telling us they aren't.

Thank you, Amy Blazej Townshend